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SUBJ: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL (WFC) FOURTH SESSION

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1. FOLLOWING IS STATMENT BY MR. STIPETIC, SUMMARIZING MAY 3-4

WFC BUREAU MEETING: BEGIN TEXT.

--A MEETING OF THE BUREAU WAS HELD ON 3 AND 4 MAY IN ROME.

MR. TANCO WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND AS PLANNED, BECAUSE OF A
LAST MINUTE DECISION BY HIS PRESIDENT, MR. MARCOS, THAT
REQUIRED MR. TANCO TO BE AVAILABLE FOR IMPORTANT PARLIAMENTARY
MATTERS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

-- MR. SIPETIC CHAIRED THE MEETING. OTHERS PRESENT WERE:

1. AMBASSADOR RIVERA MARIN DE ITURBE, DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE
OF MEXICAN VICE-PRESIDENT AND MR. I. OROZCO OF MEXICO;

2. MR. R. BULL, RAPPORTEUR;

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3. MR. CARADANG REPRESENTING MR. TANCO;

4. MR. MACHAYO REPRESENTING MR. NYAGAH OF KENYA;

5. DR. HANNAH AND OTHER MEMBERS OF WFC SECRETARIAT; AND

6. MR. VUJICIC OF YUGOSLAVIA.

--BUREAU WILL MEET AGAIN ON 1 AND 2 JUNE IN MEXICO CITY.
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL VISIT MANILA NEXT WEEK TO
REPORT TO PRESIDENT ON BUREAU MEETING AND MEETING OF ROME
REPS.

DOCUMENTATION FOR COUNCIL MEETING

--BUREAU CONSIDERED CAREFULLY DOCUMENTS PREPARED BY SECRETARIAT
WHICH BUREAU HAD REVIEWED IN DRAFT IN MARCH. DOCUMENTS REFLECT
GUIDANCE GIVEN AT PREVIOUS MEETING.

--BUREAU ALSO RECONFIRMED THAT FIRST TWO SUBSTANTIAL ITEMS
(ASSESSMENT AND FOLLOWUP) SHOULD BE LARGELY INFORMATIONAL.
SHORT ADDENDUM TO ASSESSMENT, UPDATING SHORT-TERM OUTLOOK
FOR WORLD FOOD SITUATION TO MID-MAY, WILL BE DISTRIBUTED
AT MEXICO CITY. MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION IS EXPECTED TO
CONCENTRATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF MANILA COMMUNIQUE (WFC/1978/5).
BUREAU CAREFULLY REVIEWED ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED
IN DOCUMENT.

--BUREAU NOTED THAT DOCUMENTATION OF NECESSITY COVERED MATTERS
WHICH WERE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS IN OTHER
FORA. IT WAS AGREED THAT COUNCIL, AS MINISTERIAL ORGAN
CONCERNED WITH ALL ASPECTS OF FOOD QUESTIONS, SHOULD NOT
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ENGAGE IN DETAILED CONSIDERATION OF ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS
BUT SHOULD EXERCISE ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO GIVE POLICY
GUIDANCE WHERE NECESSARY.

--BUREAU FELT MORE PROMINENCE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ISSUE OF
AGRICULTURAL INPUTS AND NOTED THAT DETAILED REPORT ON
THIS SUBJECT WAS IN PREPARATION FOR COUNCIL BY INTERNATIONAL
FOOD POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE (IFPRI). THAT REPORT SHOULD
BE RECEIVED BY 15 MAY AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO COUNCIL MEETING.

PREPARATION FOR COUNCIL SESSION IN MEXICO

--BUREAU GAVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO ESTABLISHING BEST
BASIS FOR FRUITFUL DISCUSSION BETWEEN MINISTERS AT MEXICO
MEETING.

--EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REITERATED THAT THE SECRETARIAT'S
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MINISTERIAL CONSIDERATION CONTAINED IN
DOCUMENTS WERE MERELY PROPOSALS. THEY WERE PUT FORWARD TO
ASSIST MINISTERS IN GIVING FOCUS TO THEIR DISCUSSIONS.
MINISTERS WILL DECIDE WHAT TOPICS THEY TAKE UP AND WHAT
CONCLUSIONS THEY ENDORSE. BUREAU AND PREPARATORY MEETING WILL

DECIDE FINAL FORM IN WHICH MATERIAL IS PRESENTED FOR MINISTERIAL
CONSIDERATION.

--IT WAS AGREED MOST POSITIVE OUTCOME OF MEETING WOULD BE SHORT
STATEMENT CONTAINING:

PREAMBLE DRAWING ATTENTION TO CONTINUING GRAVITY OF WORLD
PROBLEM AND ELEMENTS OF THAT PROBLEM THAT NEED MOST URGENT
ATTENTION;

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.SIX TO NINE DECISIONS BY MINISTERS ON ACTIONS NEEDED TO
ADDRESS ISSUES RAISED IN IMPLEMENTATION DOCUMENT. WHILE RE-
COGNIZING THAT MINISTERS WILL TAKE OWN DECISIONS, BUREAU
EXPRESSED STRONG CONVICTION THAT DECISIONS SHOULD RESULT IN
SPECIFIC ACTIONS. DECISIONS SHOULD AVOID VAGUE GENERALITIES
AND IDENTIFY THE ACTIONS NEEDED BY GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES,
EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR IN INTERNATIONAL FORA, WHICH MINISTERS
CONSIDER NECESSARY TO SOLVE SPECIFIC FOOD PROBLEMS.

--TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR MINISTERS TO ACHIEVE SUCH A RESULT,
IT WAS AGREED THAT SECRETARIAT SHOULD:

. TAKE CAREFUL NOTE OF VIEWS OF BUREAU AND COMMENTS MADE
AT MEETING OF ROME REPS;

. CONTINUE AND INTENSIFY ITS CONSULTATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTS
AND WITH MAJOR AGENCIES CONCERNED; AS FAR AS POSSIBLE,
ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS;

. BUREAU WILL BE FULLY INFORMED OF PROGRESS OF THESE DISCUSSIONS.
ON THIS BASIS, BUREAU, AT ITS MEETING ON 1-2 JUNE, WILL PREPARE
DRAFT STATEMENT MINISTERS MIGHT CONSIDER WHICH WOULD SERVE

AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION AT PREPARATORY MEETING. SECRETARIAT
SHOULD DEVELOP AND MODIFY ON BASIS OF CONTINUOUS CONSULTATIONS,
A DRAFT STATEMENT, AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT BUREAU
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MEETING.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEXICO MEETING

--REPRESENTATIVE OF MEXICO, HER EXCELLENCY MRS. RIVERA
MARIN DE ITURBE, EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST OF GOM IN SUCCESS
OF MEETING AND REFERRED BRIEFLY TO ARRANGEMENTS ALREADY DISCUSSED
BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AND OFFICERS OF SECRE-
TARIAT.

--PAPERS DETAILING THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE DISTRIBUTED AT THIS
MEETING. HER EXCELLENCY AND SECRETARIAT WILL BE GLAD TO
ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

--BUREAU NOTED SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF COUNTRIES HAD ALREADY
INDICATED THEY WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY MINISTERS. IT
EXPRESSED FIRM VIEW THAT STATES WHICH HAD ACCEPTED MEMBERSHIP
IN COUNCIL SHOULD MAKE VERY EFFORT ENSURE REPRESENTATION AT
MINISTERIAL LEVEL.

SIGNIFICANCE OF COUNCIL'S FOURTH SESSION

--BUREAU WAS COGNIZANT THROUGHOUT ITS DISCUSSIONS IN MARCH
AND IN PAST TWO DAYS THAT EFFECTIVENESS OF COUNCIL DEPENDS
ON WILLINGNESS OF ITS MINISTERS AND OF GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES
TO FACE OPENLY AND POSITIVELY THOSE FOOD PROBLEMS WHICH THE
NATIONS AND AGENCIES ARE NOT ABLE TO SOLVE ELSEWHERE.
THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, IN ESTABLISHING COUNCIL, IDENTIFIED
MAJOR PROBLEMS. DOCUMENTS BEFORE COUNCIL AT FOURTH SESSION
INDICATE WHERE SOLUTIONS OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE HAVE NOT BEEN
PUT INTO EFFECT. THEY ALSO SUGGEST SOME OF REASONS WHY THIS HAS
NOT BEEN DONE AND HOW COUNCIL MIGHT WORK TO BRING ABOUT SOLUTIONS.
STRENGTH OF DECISIONS OF MINISTERS IN MEXICO WILL BE IMPORTANT
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INDICATION OF HOW FAR GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES ARE PREPARED
TO GO IN RECOGNIZING THEY MUST DO MORE THAN THEY ARE NOW DOING
IF THEY SERIOUSLY INTEND TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES OF WORLD FOOD
CONFERENCE. IN SOME CASES THIS MAY MEAN THAT WE MUST DO MORE
TO FIND OUT HOW WE CAN SOLVE SOME VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEMS.
DECISIONS TO MAKE THAT EFFORT CAN BE VERY FORCEFUL. END TEXT

2. COMMENT: SECRETARIAT PREPARING DRAFT OF STATEMENT WHICH
MINISTERS MIGHT CONSIDER USING AS BASIS FOR STATEMENT ON
OUTCOME OF COUNCIL MEETING. THIS DRAFT WILL BE DISCUSSED
WITH COUNCIL MEMBER COUNTRIES IN NEXT 30 DAYS. SEE REFTEL.
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